

[English]

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DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA (BALASORE) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, in Orissa, the situation is very alarming due to non-availability of rice. The price of rice is so high that the poor people could not afford to buy rice in the open market. The price of coarse rice is Rs. 5.50 or Rs. 6.00 per Kg. and the fine rice is Rs. 6.00 or Rs. 6.50 per Kg. There is no stock available in Fair Price Shops. Although, people have money, they are not getting rice since the stock is not there.

SHRI SOBHANA DRESWARA RAO VADDE (VIJAYAWADA) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I want to bring to the notice of this Government that the farmers in Andhra Pradesh and several other parts of the country are suffering a lot due to shortage of fertilizers. Fertilizers are being sold at a premium because the dealers are expecting some huge profits. It may be due to the coming Budget where they may increase the prices.

Now that the brisk agricultural operations are going on throughout the country because monsoon has already set in, I would request the Government to take necessary steps to de-hoard the stocks and make available fertilizers to all the farmers at controlled price and also in requisite quantity.

[Translation]

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA (MADHUBANI) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, with great grief and pain, I would like to bring to your notice an important matter. Our constitution guarantees everyone right to vote but on 12th June in my constituency, seven persons were gunned down for their only fault of exercising their right to vote. These seven persons were killed on different booths. Nisarul Haque who was 21 years of age was killed first and then his father, Abdul Latif who rushed to the booth to save his son, was killed. On the adjoining booth Mohammad Toqnid was killed, so was killed Ramashah Thakur on another booth. Dipu Das met the same fate on yet another booth and

Rayees Rason in Benipatti-Chandpura. In the same way Mohammad Mohid was killed in Nagwasa. Thus, in all seven persons were killed. All these seven victims belonged to the families of farm labourers. In six of the seven families there is now no adult male left all others are minors. In one family, there are two widows now. I am not talking of a court-case here. Several culprits involved in these incidents are absconding. I have written a letter to the Prime Minister and through you also I would like to say that the culprits responsible for these incidents must be dealt with firmly as it was not a quarrel between two groups and there was also not any enmity behind these. We did not use even a cracker at the time of the incident. However, I had allowed my supporter to use only sticks to protect themselves.

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Member, please be brief. Do not go in detail.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I request that some sort of relief should be provided to the families of the deceased. Five of them belonged to minorities and two to Harijan families and weaker sections but all of them were poor. I would like to know from the Law Minister and the Home Minister as to what does the Government do and what does this House do when polling booths are attacked in this manner and when persons, who insist on casting their and are not prepared to leave the booth without casting their vote, are killed? Near about half of the dreaded criminals of Bihar had reached my constituency on 12th June.

MR. SPEAKER : Hon. Member, you are stretching it too far.

SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA : Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I have sought relief for them. The Law Minister as well as the Home Minister should go into this matter and decide as to what punishment can be awarded to the criminals for such a crime. The criminals are going scot free.

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV (Nalanda) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the same kind of incidents have taken place in my

constituency also. The five workers of Communist Party of India were killed by the terrorists there. At Kharajama and Sahajanna in Jalampur area of my constituency, they killed a person, cut his body into pieces and threw him into the burning house and 'KHALIHAN' was set on fire by them. They looted dozens of villages and set about 40-50 'KHALIHANS' on fire. All this has been done by those who believe in politics of murder. The IPF men have done all this in Bihar. I want to draw the attention of the hon. Home Minister towards it and request him to provide adequate compensation to those whose family-members have been killed or whose houses have been burnt or looted.

SHRI SUKH RAM (Mandi) Mr Speaker, Sir, at the Sarkaghat Tehsil sub-division of Mandi district which is my Parliamentary Constituency, nearly more than 5500 people have been suffering from Gastroenteritis for the last one month. This disease has assumed the form of an epidemic and according to the latest information till yesterday 70 persons have died of it. This disease has been caused by the contamination of water. Analysis of water shows that the level of bacteria in the water is 30 per million against the permissible limit 10 per million. The State Government has not taken any remedial step in this regard. A few days back when I visited the area, I found many people in a serious condition. They were referred to the Civil Hospital, Mandi. But the Government did not provide facility of an ambulance to them. The State Government had announced a compensation of Rs 10,000/- to each family of the deceased person. But now they have come down to Rs 1000/- but that too has not been paid as yet and now they have come down to Rs 5 hundred. There are about 300 villages in that sub-division and about 104 villages are affected by this disease. The State Government has failed completely in providing any relief to the patients. There is no arrangement for supply of medicines to the patients and there is also no arrangement of ambulance. No additional team of doctors and staff has been sent there. There is panic and fear among the people.

I request the Home Minister and the Central Government to send an Expert-team there. Hundreds of persons are suffering from this disease. In many cases three patients have been accommodated on one bed. Many people have died because of negligence of the Government. I request the Central Government to direct the State Government to give compensation of Rs one lakh to each family of the deceased and make proper arrangements to deal with the situation. An expert team should be sent there so that the disease could be checked. The State Government has failed completely in dealing with the situation. This disease has spread even in the constituency of Prof. Dhuma. If we take that area also into account, more than hundred persons have died of this disease. The Chief Minister had visited the area two days back. (Interruption) I request the Central Government to make necessary arrangements to deal with the situation.

PROF. PREM DHUMAL Mr Speaker, Sir, my name has been mentioned. I have met the Prime Minister. (Interruption)

[English]

SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN (Barpeta) I like to draw the attention of the Government to the grim flood situation in Assam. It has created a havoc in Assam. Several people have been killed and thousands have been rendered homeless, many taking shelter in relief camps and high lands. Large hectares of crop area has been damaged. Particularly it has affected the peasantry in Assam which is now busy with paddy plantation. They are in a very hopeless situation with domestic animals washed away and seedlings damaged. Therefore, I urge upon the Central Government to intensify the relief and rehabilitation measures and also extend medical aid for the victims of the flood. Also, I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the flood has caused heavy erosion and one of the biggest river islands there, Majulee, is in danger of being